

3-8-1846

## Walter C. Allison to T.L. Treadwell, 8 March 1846

Walter C. Allison

Follow this and additional works at: [https://egrove.olemiss.edu/aldrichcorr\\_b](https://egrove.olemiss.edu/aldrichcorr_b)



Part of the [United States History Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Allison, Walter C., "Walter C. Allison to T.L. Treadwell, 8 March 1846" (1846). *Personal and Business Correspondence, 1841-1850 (Series 1.2)*. 129.

[https://egrove.olemiss.edu/aldrichcorr\\_b/129](https://egrove.olemiss.edu/aldrichcorr_b/129)



Norwood Stanley County N.C. March 12<sup>th</sup> 1846

My Dear Bro. Silas

I have just now recd. and read your kind favour of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult. Supposing you were in Texas, I was not looking, or expecting a letter from you as new series, places, and engagements are apt to so occupy our time and thoughts as to cause us to be come forgetful for the present at least of old things, and especially those from which we have been long separated and at a great distance. I am glad however, truly glad that you are an exception from the above remark, and tho we have been separated long and at a great distance you still recollect that you have a friend & Bro in old N. Carolina. I need not tell you that I was greatly rejoiced when opening the seal of your letter handed to me this morn'g to cast my eye on the familiar signature of G. B. Freamond.

For a week or 10 days past I have been thinking of sitting down to write Bro. Freamond a long letter in answer to one I recd. from him some month or 6 weeks ago. I should have written to him immediately, but at the time his letter came to hand I was suffering a protracted and most distressing paroxysm of my old affection of the organs of respiration (Asthma) so that I was for weeks utterly unfit for anything not able even to converse with any satisfaction with my friends who kindly came to sympathize with me. I have for a year or two past been very subject to severe attacks of this most distressing disease, almost half my time not able to attend to my business, and I utterly despair of ever being relieved of it. This is almost the only cause of my continuing in this country.



I am not here from choice, nor do I continue here because I prefer this to any other country, but circumstances beyond my control compel me to remain. a large number of citizens are leaving and have left N. Carolina for this country. Some bound Tennessee, some for Alabama, Miss. & Texas. The immediate cause of such emigration is the effects of the unparalleled drought with which we were visited last year especially in this and the adjoining countries. So severe are its effects that many must and are now absolutely suffering for bread. Corn is selling every where where there is any to be seen at \$1.00 per bushel. Wheat \$1.25 and can hardly be had at that for the cash, but most of those who have to buy are those who have no money.

You inform me that you are "single yet & so likely to be". So it seems you have finally come to the conclusion never to put yourself "under woman's control". If all the "Lords of Creation" were of your mind, and in your situation, it would be difficult to see how Texas & Oregon would ever be peopled, or become settled with industrious intelligent civilized human beings. God in the "beginning" created man, in his own image. created the male and female created he them, and God blessed them, and commanded them to be fruitful and multiply & replenish the Earth and subdue it. As to our duty then in this matter it is not left to ourselves to determine. "God said be fruitful & multiply". We have to be sure, some choice in the time & circumstances and the person <sup>with</sup> whom we unite in wedlock, but it is a moral duty, sanctioned by divine authority and a duty we owe to society. The institution of marriage and the honest pursuit of domestic life, <sup>are not</sup> any way inconsistent with our spiritual prosperity. but often greatly promotes it.



God often blesses us for the sake of our wife and  
children. I don't say however, that there is no exempt  
cases, it may not be the duty of some man to in  
certain circumstances to encumber themselves with  
a family - but I do think exempt cases are  
rare indeed. So much in defence of Matrimony -

Give my affectionate regards  
to Bro. Timmons Sister Eliza & all the dear children  
tell him I intend to write him before  
long - if I live & keep able - I rec'd a letter  
from our relations in Columbia a few days  
ago they were all well - Tell Bro. Tim. I  
do not continue in this country from choice  
I would most gladly make arrangements  
to go with him to Texas fall coming year if  
it were in my power to do so - I am in and  
& in truth very anxious to leave this part  
the the country & try for a better, and I have no  
doubt of the superior advantages of your country over  
this. I have 7 children 3 daughters, & 4 sons - our eldest  
Amelia Adeline, Sam - Colson, our last is a daughter  
just 3 months old not named yet.

John Emory, Wilbur Fisk, Albert Clin, Charles  
Dixon. So you see the Lord has greatly blessed  
me. and from this circumstances alone I should  
were I not then be come a valuable citizen in  
Texas. My 3 eldest children 1 son & 2 daughters are grown  
their names Harriet Jefferson, Liza Mary, Laura  
Ann Washington. all have finished their education  
and returned home to enter upon the great stage of  
active life to perform their parts in the drama in  
human events - They are said to be very smart  
and handsome, & if they are not it is their own fault  
I mean, it is their own fault if they are not intelligent  
as they have enjoyed every advantage our country affords  
I will now close my long letter. My wife & children all join  
in love to you & Bro. T. & family. Bro. B. & family. J. H. Freedman



John St. Andrews

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1841

March 13<sup>th</sup>

10

Mr. L. C. Freadman

Samson

care of

J. L. Freadman

Marshall County

Miss.

step  
children  
names

where I get my ideas on  
matrimony



John St. Andrews

1841